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Romanian born **Vladimir F. Wertsman** is a well-known author of books on various American ethnic groups, including three volumes on Romanians in America and Canada, published in 1975, 1980, and 2005. The current book is a unique reference source of information on Romanian Jews in USA and Canada, a subject not covered in the previous titles. It focuses on their situation in Romania, [immigration](#), settlement in the New World, group achievements (organizations, synagogues), individual contributions in numerous fields of endeavor (academic, writing, music, theater, film, art, [religion](#), medicine, business, law, sports, and others) as reflected in over 600 bibliographic items and in over 300 biographical sketches. Dozens of archival materials offer, among others, Mihail Eminescu's (Romania's national poet) review of Abraham Goldfaden's Yiddish show in Iasi (1876), description of Romanian Jews in Oregon during 1880s, their "mamaliga" parties and hora dancing, "Rumania, Romania" and other Yiddish songs, plus relevant photographs. This writing celebrates 160 years of Romanian Jewish presence on North American soil, and 140 years of American Romanian diplomatic contacts, started in 1870 by American Consul Benjamin D. Peixotto (former President of B'nai B'rith) and continued by the current US Ambassador Mark Gitenstein, of Romanian Jewish ancestry. Written in a condensed information style, and covering the topics of Romanian Jewish heritage, Judaica, ethnic [studies](#), Holocaust, and genealogy, this book is useful to students and teachers, scholars and laymen, academic, public and special libraries, Jewish religious and lay organizations in the United States and Canada, Romania and Israel, as well as other countries (e.g. France, Germany) with Romanian Jewish communities.

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"Wertsman's book brings to light the author's considerable research skills and attention to detail in his mission of uncovering the history and contributions of Romanian Jews in the United States and Canada. He has left no stone unturned, no significant achiever forgotten. By including firsthand documents, he has provided a valuable resource for scholars seeking to extend this information in new directions."

- Lyn Miller-Lachmann

Between 1870 and 1924, a large wave of Jewish immigrants came to the United States in search of better economic opportunities and protection



by favorable laws for ethnic minorities. With ambition combined with determination, the Jews quickly rose to prominence in their chosen professions and became major figures within the Jewish community. Not long, the music, food, celebrations and other cultural artifacts these Romanian immigrants brought from home became part of the American culture. This carefully woven book gives tribute to the unsung heroes of the first generation of Romanian Jewish immigrants as well as to the subsequent generations, including those who built new lives from the ashes of the Holocaust.

Backed with in-depth research and written in an easily accessible, condensed information style, *Salute to the Romanian Jews in America and Canada, 1850-2010* is an important source for genealogists, historians, and teachers of Jewish history, American history, and the history of the Holocaust. The book can be ordered at:

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